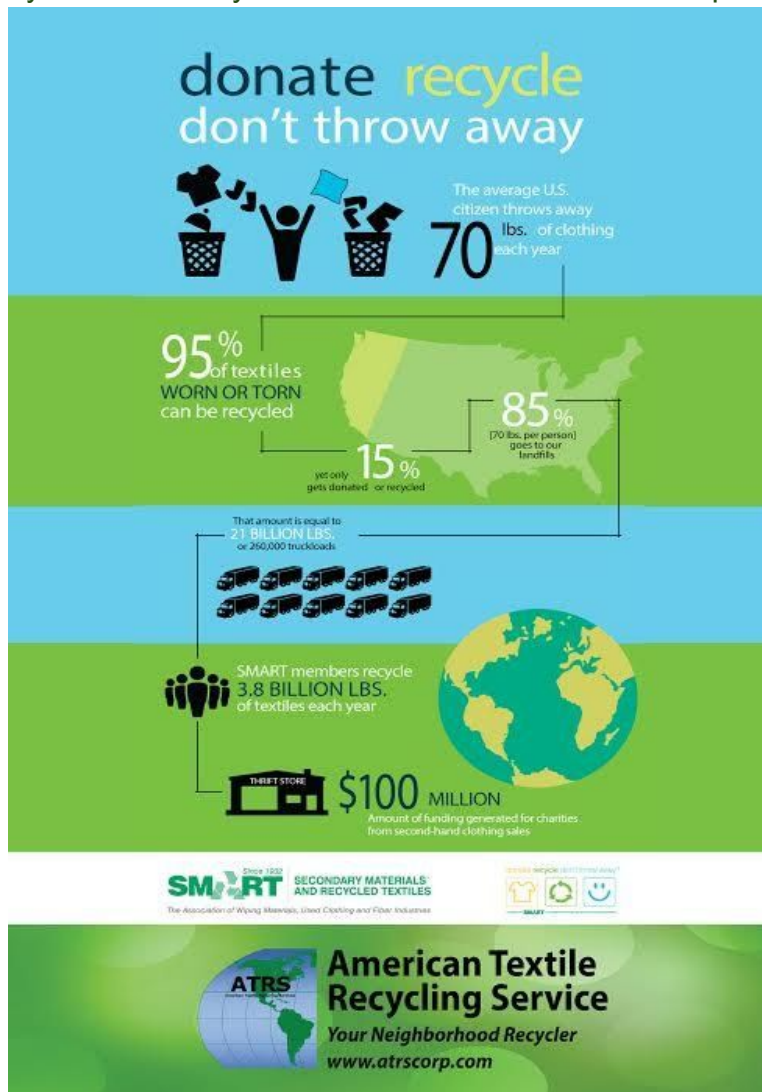


April Newsletter

Facts regarding Textile Recycling

- 95% of the textile produced can be recycled but only 15% of them are actually recovered from the waste stream.
- Approximately 230,000 tons of usable textiles end up in landfills and incinerators in Massachusetts annually.
- Donations in any conditions are usually welcomed by the for-profit and nonprofit organizations. Only the wet/moldy/contaminated ones are not accepted.



Why should we recycle textiles ?

- The production of textile fiber requires the burning of great quantities of fuel that releases CO₂. Also, as solid wastes such as textile are buried in landfills, they

decompose and release greenhouse gases like methane. Therefore, at least 3-4 pounds of CO₂ are saved for every pound of textile spared from disposal.

---Solid waste takes up A LOT OF SPACES! Therefore, recycling textile is beneficial for saving spaces.

---Recycling textile means reduction in the need of cotton, which means reduction in the use of insecticides.

---One T-shirt consumes about 700 pounds of water! So, recycling textile saves water and reduces water pollution.

Textile Recycling around Arlington

---The week of April 23th to April 27th, all the Arlington public schools are hosting a textile recycling competition.

---24 hours donation bins are set up around the town.

---You can bring your textiles (old, worn, torn clothes, shoes, bedding) to the monthly DPW Recycling Center.

---For more information, please check these websites:

<https://www.mass.gov/guides/massdep-textile-recovery>

<https://www.arlingtonma.gov/Home/Components/News/News/7443/1535?backlist=%2fdepartments%2fpublic-works-%2frecycling-trash-composting%2fschool-programs>

Monthly Challenges

---Join the textile recycling competition! Bring all the old textile in your house as long as they meet the standards.

---Gather some of the used clothes from your house and try to sew them into a usable product such as wallet.

--->Watch this [video](#) for ideas!



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